

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817

By Bell

A RESOLUTION to commend Cassandra Rogers for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Rogers is one such individual who distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Bell and the Senate Government Operations Committee; Cassandra's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator and committee she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Cassandra has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and Spanish, maintaining Chancellor's Roll every year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers has been an active participant in the university's student body, serving as justice and past procedure committee chairperson and senator of the Student Government Association; PEP Leader for the university's PEP Leader Program; and as a member and past president of UTM's Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, she has participated in numerous other extracurricular activities, including Freshman Council, Student Ambassadors, Moot Court, Spanish Club, Political Science Club, and Pre-Law Club; and

WHEREAS, a product of her hard work and diligence, Cassandra is involved in the University of Tennessee (UT) Honors Program, which serves only five percent of UT students, and was a Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation nominee; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Tennessee at Martin in May 2015, Ms. Rogers plans to attend law school in order to pursue her goal of becoming a bilingual lawyer; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Cassandra brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2014 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2014 legislative session, Cassandra surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and was chosen by her peers as a finalist for Intern Speaker for the 2014 Intern Mock Session; and

WHEREAS, following the close of this legislative session, Cassandra has arranged to continue her Spanish education with a trip to Spain later this year; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra enjoys debating policy issues and working on jigsaw puzzles, challenging herself to exceed her already vast abilities and intelligence; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum with her bright smile and positive attitude affecting all she encountered; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Cassandra Rogers for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Bell and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.